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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 10-21 and 23-27 are pending in the application. Claims 1-4, 7-17 and 19-21 were rejected. Claims 1-9 and 22 have been deleted without prejudice or disclaimer. The Applicants appreciate the indication by the Examiner that claims 18 and 22 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1 and 2 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,338,149 to Ciccone, Jr. et al. (hereinafter "*Ciccone*") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,098,098 to Sandahl et al. (hereinafter "*Sandahl*").

Claims 7-9 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Sandahl*, as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,643,626 to Resende (hereinafter "*Resende*").

Claim 3 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Sandahl*, as applied to claim 1, and further in view of AN (IEE OPOS (USPOS) Compatible Pole Display Software).

Claim 4 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Sandahl*, as applied to claim 1, and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,500,890 to Rogge et al. (hereinafter "*Rogge*").

Claims 10 and 14 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by *Ciccone*.

Claims 11 and 12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Sandahl*.

Claim 13 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Rogge*.

Claims 15 and 16 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Resende*.

Claim 17 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,560,604 to Fascenda (hereinafter "*Fascenda*").

Claims 19 and 20 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Fascenda* and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,311,165 to Coutts et al. (hereinafter "*Coutts*").

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Claim 21 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over *Ciccone* in view of *Resende* and further in view of Admitted Prior Art (APA).

In order to expedite prosecution of this application, and following the issuance of an Office action in response to the Appeal Brief filed August 21, 2006, the Applicants have amended the claims as indicated by the Examiner to place them in condition for allowance. New claims 23-25 add the limitations of dependent claims 11-14 that depend from claim 10, which has been amended to be allowable in accordance with the indication from the Examiner, to also depend from claim 17, which has also been amended to be allowable in accordance with the indication by the Examiner. New claims 26 and 27 add the limitations of dependent claims 15 and 16 that depend from claim 10, which has been amended to be allowable in accordance with the indication from the Examiner, to also depend from claim 17, which has also been amended to be allowable in accordance with the indication by the Examiner. As such, all pending claims should be condition for allowance.

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CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks and for various other reasons readily apparent, Applicants submit that all of the claims now present are allowable, and withdrawal of the rejection and a Notice of Allowance are courteously solicited.

If any impediment to the allowance of the claims remains after consideration of this amendment, a telephone interview with the Examiner is hereby requested by the undersigned at (214) 953-5990 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fee or credit any refund to the Deposit Account No. 10-0096.

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